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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

7 DISTRICT OF OREGON – EUGENE DIVISION

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 9 NANCY BOYD,

CASE NO. 6:18-cv-00876

10 Plaintiff,

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:

11 v.
 12 Kohl's Department Stores, Inc., and DOES
 13 1 through 100 inclusive,
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15 Defendants.

16 COMES NOW Plaintiff Nancy Boyd an individual, based on information and belief, to
 17 allege as follows:

18 **INTRODUCTION**

19 1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's
 20 violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. §227, *et seq.* (hereinafter
 21 "TCPA"), which prohibits the use of automated dialing equipment when making calls to
 22 consumers.

23 2. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant Kohl's Department Stores, Inc.
 24 (hereinafter "Kohl's") for its abusive and outrageous conduct in connection with debt
 25 collection activity.

26 3. While may violations are described below with specificity, this Complaint alleges
 27 violations of the statutes cited in their entirety.

4. The TCPA was designed to prevent calls like the ones described herein, and to protect the privacy of citizens like Plaintiff, and by enacting the TCPA, Congress intended to give consumers a choice as to how corporate entities may contact them and to prevent the nuisance associated with automated or prerecorded calls.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

5. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337, and 1367, and 47 U.S.C. § 227.

6. This venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

7. Plaintiff Nancy Boyd (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) is an individual residing in the state of Oregon, and is a “debtor.”

8. At all relevant times herein, Defendant KOHL'S engaged, by the use of mail, email, and telephone, in the business of collecting a debt from Plaintiff, and a "consumer debt."

9. At all relevant times, Defendant acted as a “debt collector.”

10. Plaintiff had taken out an unsecured loan with KOHL'S in approximately 2012.

11. The loan Plaintiff took from Defendant KOHL'S was extended primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "debt."

12. Defendant KOHL'S has been attempting to collect on a debt that originated from monetary credit that was extended primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, and was therefore a "consumer credit transaction."

13. Because Plaintiff, a natural person allegedly obligated to pay money to Defendant KOHL'S arising from what Plaintiff is informed and believes was a consumer credit transaction, the money allegedly owed was a "consumer debt."

14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant is one who regularly collects or attempts to collect debts on behalf of themselves, and is therefore a "debt collector."

15. Plaintiff's account was an unsecured loan and Plaintiff began making payments on the accounts.

16. Plaintiff began making payments on the loan before she became financially unable to keep up with the monthly payments.

1 17. Defendant KOHL'S began contacting Plaintiff in January of 2018 to inquire about the
 2 status of the loan and to collect on the payments that were no longer being made.
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4 18. Plaintiff retained counsel to assist in dealing with KOHL'S debt and to seek some type
 5 of financial relief.
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7 19. Counsel for Plaintiff sent the letter of revocation to KOHL'S on or about March 5,
 8 2018
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10 20. Plaintiff believes her revocation and representation letter was received by Kohl's on
 11 March 9, 2018.
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13 21. Plaintiff informed KOHL'S that she was revoking her consent, if it was ever
 14 previously given, to be called on her telephone in March of 2018.
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16 22. Plaintiff was frustrated that Kohl's continued to make unsolicited calls on her cellular
 17 telephone after contacting Kohl's to revoke her consent.
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19 23. Plaintiff denies she ever gave her express consent to be contacted on her cellular
 20 telephone by automatic dialing machines and pre-recorded messages.
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22 24. Defendant KOHL'S continued to contact Plaintiff between approximately March 9,
 23 2018 – May 3, 2018; the type of contact was through phone calls to Plaintiff on her cellular
 24 telephone.
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26 25. Despite notice being sent Defendant continued to contact Plaintiff on her cellular
 27 telephone regarding collection of her outstanding debt.
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29 26. Kohl's ignored Plaintiff's letter of representation and continued to contact her for at
 30 least two months following receipt of Plaintiff's letter.
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32 27. Despite being aware of Plaintiff's March 9, 2018 revocation Kohl's continued to
 33 contact Plaintiff on her cellular telephone.
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35 28. KOHL'S's calls were frequent in nature and continued despite receiving written
 36 confirmation that she was revoking any consent that may have been previously given to be
 37 called on her cellular telephone.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of the TCPA)

(47 USC § 227)

(Against Defendant and Does 1-100)

39 29. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates herein the allegation in each and every paragraph
 40 above as though fully set forth herein.
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30. Since at least January of 2018 Defendant started calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone requesting that payment be made on the accounts Plaintiff held with Defendant.

31. Plaintiff informed Defendant that she was revoking consent to be contacted by KOHL'S in March of 2018.

32. KOHL'S continued to call Plaintiff frequently since Plaintiff withdrew her consent to be contacted by an automatic dialing machine.

33. Defendant would contact Plaintiff frequently regarding payment on the accounts.

34. Defendant placed the above cited calls using an artificial or prerecorded voice to deliver the collection messages without Plaintiff's prior express consent.

35. Defendant contacted Plaintiff on at least 77 (seventy seven) separate occasions after Plaintiff informed Defendant she did not wish to be contacted on her cellular telephone and withdrew any prior consent that may have been given.

36. All calls placed by Defendant to Plaintiff utilized an “automatic telephone dialing system” as defined by 47 U.S.C. §227(a)(1).

37. These calls were made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone and were not calls for an emergency purposed as defined by 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(B).

38. These telephone calls by Defendant, or its agent, violated 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(B).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- a. An award of statutory damages of \$1,500.00 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(C) for each and every violation.
- b. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(A), injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.
- c. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692(k) both actual damages and statutory damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

Dated: May 18, 2018

By: /s/ Kyle Schumacher
Kyle Schumacher
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff hereby demands trial of this matter by jury.
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4 **SAGARIA LAW, P.C.**
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6 Dated: May 18, 2018
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9 /s/ *Kyle Schumacher*
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11 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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